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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT: Kolesnick *et al.*

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EXAMINER:

Hamud, F.

FOR: Basic Fibroblast Growth  
Treatment of Sepsis

DOCKET:

D6049

The Honorable Commissioner of Patents  
BOX NON-FEE AMENDMENT  
Washington, D.C. 20231RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.111

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed July 2, 2002 please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks. Reconsideration of the pending claims is respectfully requested.

AMENDMENTSIN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

1. (twice amended) A method of inhibiting the generation of ceramide from sphingomyelin comprising the step of administering basic fibroblast growth factor to an animal.